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In re: Kiy, T. : Examiner: Marx, I.
Serial No.: 09/508,977 :
Filed: March 17, 2000 : Art Unit: 1651
For: Fermentation Process with Continuous : Docket No.: 1997/F-237
Mass Cultivation of Ciliates (Protozoa) for :
Producing Biogenous Valuable Substances :

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicant requests reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 15 and 26 to read as follows:

15. A continuous fermentation process, comprising:
(i) continuously cultivating ciliates in a volume of complex axenic aqueous culture medium to produce a biomass of ciliate cells containing a biogenous substance;
(ii) harvesting said culture medium containing the produced biomass at an extraction